### **Dutch Community News**



# **Dutch Society**









**Dutch Community Radio** 



In the Municipality of Bronckhorst, which lies in Gelderland, one can find this delightful moated Keppel Castle (Kasteel Keppel). This Castle is still inhabited and is not open for visitors. However, several large festivals are held and a few guided tours are organized by the Organisation for Dutch Castles. More on Bronckhorst and some photos taken inside this charming Castle on pages 22 & 23.

## Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

The Covid restrictions in place are extended until further notice. The main requirement is that you have to wear a facemask, whenever you enter the RDC.

It is also a requirement that you show your proof of vaccination, either in printed form or on your I-phone. In addition always keep up your personal Hygiene regimes and if you are a little unwell, please stay home to protect your fellow Neerlandia Club Members.

Below the functions calendar for Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for March/April 2022.

However, there is no guarantee, that the following schedule can be followed 100%.

We will keep you informed any way we can.

January	2022:
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January 2022:		
Thurs 27	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am
Thurs 27	Thursday Night Card Club	<u>7pm</u>
Mon 31	Hollandia Billiard Club	9.30am
February 2022:		
Sun 6	<b>Sunday Drive</b> Starts	s 10.30am
Wed 2,16	Wednesday Bingo	11am
Mon 7,14,21,28	Hollandia Billiard Club	9.30am
Thurs 10,24	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am
Thurs 3,10,17,24	Thursday Night Card Club	<u>7pm</u>
Friday 25	Maas & Waal Borrel / Quiz at Morley-Windmills	z Night 6.30pm
March 2022:		
Sunday 6	<b>Sunday Drive</b> Starts	10.30am

Sunday 13	Themed Lunch More details page on page 7	11.30am
Wed 2,16,30	Wednesday Bingo	11am
Mon 7,14,21,28	Hollandia Billiard Club	9.30am
Thurs 10,24	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am
Thurs 3,10,17,24,	31 <u>Thursday Night Card Clu</u>	<u>ıb</u> 7pm

Friday 25 Maas & Waal Borrel

at the RDC Myaree 6.30pm

#### Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities. Address: 110 North Lake Road, Myaree—6154 Postal Address:

P. O. Box 200.

Wembley, W. A. 6913

#### Email:

neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

#### Webpage:

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## **President's Report & Neerlandia News**



#### Beste Medelanders,

I wish you all good health and happiness for 2022.

The Committee is getting back to business to start Club life again, after a well deserved break. It looks as if everything we were hoping for and working towards, needs constant adjustment.

With the time it takes that our magazine is prepared, printed and sent out, we are unable to advise our Members on the very latest restrictions. This makes it very hard, if not impossible, for your Committee to advise you in time for the Club year to start.

At the time of writing this article, there is a 2 shot vaccination requirement and proof of vaccination for anyone that wants to enter the RDC as well as the wearing of masks (indoors only).

These regulations are also applicable to all Sub-Club events

We realise that this is hard for our Sub-Club Members and we appreciate that it does not make you very happy. However, the alternative is that we have to discontinue our Sub-Club activities.

No matter how unpleasant the restrictions are, these restrictions are here for our safety. We will get through this together like we have always gone through changes together.

Please assist us in providing a safe environment for all, by simply adhering to the rules.

Looking forward to seeing again soon.

Groeten, Eric. Van Waaijenburg, President.
(See page 4 for the very latest News).

#### Renewal of Membership 2022:

Dear Members, welcome to the year 2022.

This is a reminder for those who have not done so as yet, to renew your Membership for 2022, as soon as possible.

It is important to highlight the difference between "Ordinary or Concession" Membership (Full Membership) and "Neerlandia Magazine subscription only".

As you may know, Neerlandia subsidises entry fees to various events for "Full Membership" Members.

For instance if you attended our Christmas Lunch last November, you received a subsidy of \$25.00 for being a full Member.

If, however, you are a Magazine subscription only Member, you would have had to pay the non-Member entry fee of \$50.00. Subsidies were paid also for other functions last year such as the "Welcome Back Lunch" in March 2021, the Anniversary Lunch on the 1st August 2021 and Leiden's Ontzet on 2nd October 2021. If a Full Member attended all 4 events, they would have paid a total of only \$70.00 as opposed to a non-Nember \$175.00.

It therefore makes a lot of sense to become a full Member. We encourage everyone, who has not yet paid their Membership fees, to do so as soon as possible, as you must be a Financial Member to gain any subsidy benefit when attending our Club functions.

Jan Zwartkruis.

## **CLARIFICATION**

**Membership Payments.** 

## Payments by Cheque.

Neerlandia is quite happy to receive your Cheque as payment for your Membership Fees. Please forward your renewal application form, together with your cheque to:-

P.O. Box 200, Wembley WA 6913. *Henry K. Treasurer*.

## Editorial, Ladies Soccer and latest Covid guidelines

#### Editorial.

Apology: Due to unprecedented demand for space in our February Magazine, the continuation of the Leiden's Ontzet story will now be published in our March issue.

Adam Muyt has asked to repeat the appeal for information about the Neerlandia Ladies Soccer team that existed in Perth in 1975.

#### The Neerlandia Women's Soccer Team.

I will repeat the request that was published in our December issue by Adam Muyt, who is still waiting for someone to come forward with needed information for his book on Soccer by the Dutch Migrants.

It was established that the late Cees Scheepens was involved somehow. Any information is welcome, even if you think it might not be relevant.

If you have any information, Adam can be contacted at 0428 312 384 or E-mail: adammuyt@yahoo.com.au

I have also received the following e-mail from Gerry Creemers with a request to publish her e-mail in our Magazine.

Dear Friends & Neerlandia Members.

This is just a "levensteken" from me, living in sunny and green Queensland.

I just wanted to express my thanks to all the contributors that make the Neerlandia Magazine so great. I still receive it regularly and treasure it. It is for me a means to keep up with all the goings on with Neerlandia and its Members. It is so great to see all the photos and hear about winnings, scores, outings and events.

I love it here in Queensland, living in my studio apartment on a 2 acre block in Doonan, near Noosa.

There are lots of birds and wildlife and presently it is very green here, as we had a lot more rain this year. The rain mainly falls late afternoon, the evenings and nights. The days are humid, but you get used to it.

The only thing that I miss most are the Sub-Clubs that I was a Member of and all the friends I made during the more than 50 years that I lived in W.A.

Therefore I treasure the Neerlandia Magazine, which is a means for me to keep up with all that

is happening and especially the photo's, so once again many thanks to everyone who writes and sends in articles and Photos. I wish all the friends and Members of Neerlandia a belated Happy Xmas, which of course is history for this year and I hope you will have a very Happy and above all a Healthy 2022.

Best Wishes to all, Gerry Creemers.

New Guidelines are in place for the Neerlandia Sub-Clubs using the RDC as from Monday the 31st of January 2022. These guidelines apply to all high risk Venues including Licenced Clubs.

#### 1. Vaccinations:

Proof of double-dose vaccination will be required for anyone, who wants to enter the RDC. In short: No Jab-No entry.

If you are double-dosed vaccinated, proof can either be in a digital or paper-based form, along with approved identification, unless you use the ServiceWA app. (If there are no RDC staff at the entrance, our Sub-Club leaders will most likely check the foregoing and keep a record).

2. Masks are Mandatory inside the RDC. Masks must be worn at all times while inside the RDC.

The only exception is when you are eating or having a drink.

Then you can take your mask off, but it must be replaced immediately when you are finished eating or dinking.

#### 3. Safe WA App.

You are still required to log-on with the SafeWA App at the Entrance. Pieter Leeflang, Editor.

## **Dutch Recipe**

By popular demand we show an old Dutch recipe, how to make sumptuous homemade Dutch Bitterballen and Croquetten.

#### DUTCH CROOUETS/BITTER BALLEN.

Step 1 - Stock

1kg Good quality Gravy Beef.

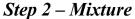
2 litres Water.

2 Continental Jelly Beef Stocks.

In large pot – spray with Canola Spray – brown meat

slightly. Cover with water add stock jellies place lid on pot slightly ajar and simmer until meat starts to fall apart.

Cool then refrigerate – when cold remove fat from top of stock.



250g Butter.

1 Cup Plain Flour.

Keens Curry Powder – this is the secret to the flavour. Finely chopped Parsley and Salt. Add extra hot Water – if needed.

Drain meat but reserve the stock - Shred meat by pulling sinew with grain – discarding fat. In large pot – melt butter, add flour and cook slowly over low heat for 1 min – stirring continuously.

Slowly add stock stirring between each addition.

When you reach a consistency where you pick up a spoon full of mixture and you have to slightly shake it off of spoon stop adding stock.

If mixture seems too runny mix two satchels of gelatine, according to box instructions with hot stock if you have some left over or hot water add to mixture now.

With heat on low add meat, about 1 - 2 tbs Curry Powder, 1 tbs Parsley and at least 1 tsp of salt. Mix until combined – taste – if requires more curry, parsley or salt now is a good time to add.

If mixture seems too thick add some more stock – make sure you cook it through.

Allow to cool with tea towel over the top of pot then refrigerate – do not put a lid on mixture as this causes it to get moisture in pot and can turn your mixture from thick to yuck. Day 3 – Rolling

Mixture of Cornflour & Plain Flour Bread Crumbs 2 eggs blended with ½ cup milk.

Roll spoonful of mixture into Bitter balls or Croquettes)—coat with flour, then in egg and last in breadcrumbs.

Continue until all mixture is used. If freezing them, coat with eggs and crumbs again.

To serve; Deep fry in very hot oil, when golden brown drain on paper towel and serve with French mustard.

Submitted by Geoff Halstead from an old family recipe.

## More on Croquetten and Bitterballen.

If the foregoing recipe seems too much work, you can still buy them in Perth.

John Otis, the retired Dutch Butcher, is still making a limited amount of Bitterballen & Croquetten.

But they are only available from the Kitchen at the Morley-Windmills Sports Club, Wotton Reserve, Embleton Avenue and only on Saturday mornings, between 9am and 12noon.

His Croquetten are sold in Boxes of 25 and the Bitterballen in boxes of 40.



## **Upcoming Lunch event 13 March 2022**



FIRST LUNCH - 2022 NEERLANDIA KNOWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WORLD.

## CAN'T TRA VEL RIGHT NOW? COME AND EXPERIENCE OTHER EUROPEAN ETHNIC CULTURE AND CUISINE RIGHT HERE IN PERTH.

Your Committee is working with other Ethnic groups to create special themed Lunches so that we can enjoy a wide variety of cultures and cuisines.

All Members are invited to join your Committee and other Members and experience something different, as if you are away on holidays in a faraway place.

When – 13 March 2022 – Arrive from 11:30AM – Lunch served at 12:30PM Where – The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree



What food will you find under that Dome?

This event is subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee. Financial Members: \$25.00 Non (financial) Members: \$50.00 Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Bookings:** Phone John Zwartkruis, Events Coordinator on 0434 920 252 or send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

**OR** Contact your Neerlandia Committee representative or Club Co-Ordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through: neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

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## The battles against the water by the Dutch

#### **During Night and Storm Tide**

A translation of a book by P.A De Rover entitled "In Nacht en Stormgetij".

On the Sunday morning (1 Feb), the first news reports about the disaster are broadcast over the radio. Eight dead in Hontenisse (Zeeuws Vlaanderen). That's when the first calls for help are heard. And help was coming. The fishermen from Urk took to their boats and sailed towards the stricken areas. The fishermen from Ierseke perform miracles and displayed immense bravery. Boys from Doesburg set off in an old boat, on their own volition, rescuing tens of people. Many ships of all sorts; rowboats to big motor vessels, houseboats and steamships, luxury yachts to the Royal yacht "Piet Hein", all sail towards the various regions. The rowboats and smaller fishing boats are able to push through the broken dikes and rescue hundreds from roofs, attics and out of trees.

Those DuckWs, those wondrous boats, which ride like cars on dry land and sail like boats on water, aid and speed up the rescue effort. Many aeroplanes skim over the endless water expanses and drop food, medicine and sandbags, many sandbags, in order to close the huge holes in the dikes.

They also drop rubber boats. But a rubber boat is somewhat dangerous inside a polder, where barbed wire is used to section off various paddocks. Such rubber boats will drift over barbed wire, get snagged, spring a leak, deflate and then the people in that boat drown. Another rubber boat drifted close to, but out of reach of people on a roof, who were eagerly awaiting for their rescue. Stupidly and rudderless, it drifts past, at just a few meters distant, like a ball being played by the wind and waves, and not one of the distraught persons on that roof is able to reach it. Then it gets trapped in an orchard amongst the trees near a home. It bobbed along, aimlessly and without any purpose. The water is mocking the misery of the distraught people.

A rubber boat is a flimsy, unstable thing. A swimming horse strikes it with its leg. The boat tips over and the people, who saw this as their rescue, drown. Amazing rescue efforts are made by those wonderful aeroplanes that we call helicopters. Rotating with those giant horizontal windmill blades, they are able to stand still in the sky and descent slowly. They stay well above the roofs and trees; they lower a rope with a noose at the end. A man, a woman and a child put that noose around themselves and like that, they were transported to a safe location. The watery grave watched as yet another of its potential victims has slipped away. But no ..., not always. A woman is hanging in the noose. She has gone stiff from the bitter cold. Even before the pilot was able to pull her up, she slipped out of the noose. From a height of 10 meters, she fell into the water. Hastily, the watery grave closed over her. Did she not put that noose on properly?

A helicopter comes above a farm, in which twelve people are sheltering together. The noose is pulled through the roof window. It takes ages before anyone appears on the noose, much too long.

Are they afraid to put it on? Did they have to discuss as to who was to go first? But finally, someone appeared, just in time to be rescued. Because, no sooner did it rise with his living load from the roof, when the farmhouse imploded and all those who were in that attic were carried away by the waves. Had this happened only a few seconds earlier, then even the helicopter with that brave pilot would have been pulled down into the water. And yet, thousands of soldiers, civilians, men and boys, rescued thousands. Women fed them, nursed them, and looked after them.

Dear people, it is impossible to describe the size



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of this calamity. Nor the size of the enormous rescue effort; neither the size of the sorrow; the size of that wonderful charity; the size of the aid from many parts of the world, from England which had also been affected by this storm, from Belgium where they also had a storm disaster, from France, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Russia, Denmark, Norway, from many parts of the world.

The assistances are in the form of goods and money, also the aid from our own Citizens, who donated a collective total of 20 million kgs in clothing. (Oh, how wonderfully those boys and girls walked around collecting these gifts), to help all those people who were bereft of everything they had.

Our country set up a "Disaster Relief Fund", in which nearly 120 Million guldens had been donated, by us, that is you and me, everyone who wanted to make a contribution.

It was impossible to measure the depth of this colossal sorrow; nor the size of the aid. We all lived through this most terrible of tragedies and the terrible consequences thereof. The scars that are left behind from this disaster are impossible to erase by anything or anyone. Not even by our Royal Family, who displayed their utmost sorrow and sympathy.

Our Queen visited the disaster areas more than once and she tried to give solace and comfort. She defied storm, hail, and snow as well as water. This was also done by Prins Bernhard as well as our elderly Princess Wilhelmina. We admire our Royal Family for this. Our love for them has grown

even more deeply because of this.

Wherever there was a need, Orange was there. Wherever there is a need, Orange will be there, even now.

By the thousands, people who lost everything, were rescued from the stricken regions in order to find accommodation via Rotterdam and Utrecht with friendly and helpful Citizens. The evacuated people returned to their devastated homes. They cleaned away all the thick layers of stinking mud from their homes. That is, for those whose homes were completely or mostly still intact. The farmers returned to their fields. They remove a thick layer of silt and sand. The paddocks were

grey, monotone without anything green, as if it was a desert. They separated thousands of bricks and rooftiles, before they could put the plough through the fields. The soil was salinized by the salt water from the sea. But they will be able to grow crops again after the application of Gypsum and plenty of rainwater, once the dikes are closed again. But still, not all dikes were closed quickly; a hole that is a couple of kilometres long and 40 meters deep cannot be closed quickly. The low and high tides flowed through there long after.

We retrieved affected people from deep in the Alblasserwaard, that Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> February. In a pitch black night, aided only by faint lighting from their stable lanterns, the farmers drove their cattle to a high dike. On several occasions, we stood with our car in a big herd of anxious cows, so that we could neither go forwards nor backwards. And yet, we had to get ahead of the approaching water. During this time, we felt that terrible tension, that those animals must have felt, for hours. We stood in the heart of "Het Land van Altena", where the cadavers with their swollen stomachs and gazed eyes drifted around in that water, or had been stacked beside the road, waiting to be collected and taken to the destruction facilities.

We saw the destruction in the Western part of Noord-Brabant, near Rilland Bath, where they struggled for weeks against the fast flowing water before they could close the dike. We stood, or

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rather clambered over the Molendijk near 's Gravendeel, where the water caused enormous turmoil, where a house, in which many people had sought shelter, was swept away in one almighty wave. We stood in Stavenisse near the Kerkweg, where only a few piles of rubble remained. We spoke with the Headmaster, who was already running the school again. His school bordered the Church and wasn't destroyed. But oh, how devastated it looked on the inside.

We talked with that young lad, who saw his whole family drown in front of his eyes. No, we didn't talk much, we only exchanged a

few words. We didn't dare, we couldn't ask. The sorrow was too big. We stood by silently next to so many, who lost .... The sorrow, their sorrow, our sorrow brought a lump into our throats. Sometimes we were prompted to provide solace and comfort. Ah, what use are words in times like these?.

And yet, we saw the thousands and thousands bags of sand being placed by those lads who worked day and night in storm and water, in hail, snow and that biting cold, to fill that hole in the dike, putting themselves in danger during a sheer hopeless time, kept digging and fighting that water.

We saw a woman try and clean her damaged home by removing that foul stinking mud, how she scrubbed her salt ridden furniture, and how she separated the wet family photos and placed them in the sun to dry (those precious memories). We saw a farmer, who tried to plough his salinized soil as to sow some barley, as barley can sustain some salt in the soil. We saw children play on the walls of sandbags and a girl, who had a doll, which hadn't washed away and she changed it into clean, dry clothes.

When we saw all this, we remembered the poem by Anton van Duinkerken in his beautiful "Nieuw Nederlands Lied."

(This song is too difficult to translate as the rhyme will be lost and its pure meaning be diminished. So, I have not translated this.)

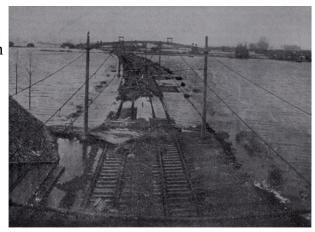
Beter dan in blijder dagen weet de Nederlandse man, dat hij, waar de tijden plagen, dragen moet zoveel hij kan; doch niet slaafs en niet verbijsterd, niet gehavend naar het hart; dapper, als het lot hem teistert, draagt de Nederlander smart.

Beter dan in blijder uren voelt de Nederlandse vrouw, dat zij haar gezin besturen moet, als ware daar geen rauw. Wat ter wereld al teloorgaat, ook al schroomt het hart te slaan, doorgaan zoals het leven doorgaat, is een wet van volksbestaan.

Als de wind in 't Noorden wild wordt, luidt de stormklok ons bijeen; zorgt dat dan geen kracht verspild wordt aan verdeeldheid ondereen! Slaat de handen uit de mouwen, iedereen voor 't eigen werk; in gemeenzaam Godsvertrouwen samenwerken maakt U sterk.

When we thought about that poem, there was sun on the waves. Because, even during this, one of the greatest water disasters ever, in our low-lying lands, life could not be extinguished. Life goes on, even though the grief remains.

The end.



## The Bingo Page



## NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only. 2nd and 16th of February 2nd, 16th and 30th of March.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 24th November. 36 players trying hard to win the Jackpot of \$168.-



Bingo on Wednesday 8th December. With 40 players there was a lot of excitement !!!!

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## BINGO BULLETIN. From your friendly Bingo Organiser.



There was a lot of excitement on the last Bingo day of the year, with the Neerlandia donated cake, commemorating 7 years of Bingo and the Jack pot of \$177.— being won by Ida van der Kooij.



It needed 63 balls for it to be won and it went on 61 balls out of the basket. It was the climax of the day and a great way to finish the year.

Over the last 2 game days, a number of players won special prizes above their normal winnings; Leo Steyntjes, John Norder, Tinie Deugd and Alie Deurloo all played for free (worth \$10.— each). The large bag of snickers was won by Alie Deurloo and Ann Heistek. Because it was a special day and we were in the party mood, we had two \$25.— loaded games on the last day, and they were won by Marion Gerritsen/ sharing with Marjorie Bly, Rose Groos and Freda Hovingh.

Because we had 2 lockdowns in February and April, we had 2 extra Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero chocolates, so we had 4 boxes of chocolates to be won and they were won by Rose Groos, Dirk Heistek, Louise Loomans and Ida van der Kooij.

Looking back over the year, the Neerlandia Bingo has become very popular, with attendances around the 40 towards the end of the year. I have no doubt, that starting on the 2nd of February, more Members will be coming along to enjoy a game of Bingo and participate in the fun that we are having. Hope to see you there too!!! Henk Oorschot and Louis James. For Information call Henk 9256 1977.

## In Memoriam

Passed away on the 3rd of January

## Bill van Heumen

Long-term Member of Neerlandia. Member of the Neerlandia Card Club and the Seniors" Club. Sincere condolences to his Family

Passed away on the 4th of January

## Gerda van Noort

Long-term Member of Neerlandia. Member of the Neerlandia Card Club since 1959.

> Sincere condolences to Sandra, Paul and family.

May they both Rest in Peace.

The Dutch Australian Foundation supports the **Exhibition of Wooden Boat Building on Saturday** 4 December 2021 - Sunday 1 May 2022; it is open 7 days a week from 9.30am till 17.00pm at the Shipwrecks Museum, Cliff Street, Fremantle. Free entrance for all.

(See page 14 for more information.)

There will be special Curators talks for individuals and groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings at 11am, every week until the 28th of April. These talks involve old photos, wooden models, artifacts, objects and memorabilia about our early history. These are not only from Perth/Fremantle, but also other places along the West Coast. You don't have to book for the talk and the Curator will be there from 10am till 1pm. If you come in before 11am or after the talks, no problem.



You can also combine your visit with a coffee or lunch at Fishing Boat Harbour, where some places offer discounts for Seniors. Elly Spillekom.

## **Christmas Lunch report**

#### Our superb Christmas Lunch 28 November 2021

As you read this, it is more than 2 months ago that we celebrated our Christmas Lunch.

Oh boy, what a celebration it was!! Together, with just short of 170 Members, guests and friends, we had the most enjoyable time we have had in a long time. It was by far the biggest crowd in most recent times. The lead up to the event was billed as one full of surprises, and it most certainly had many of them.

The first surprise were the delightful placemats on the tables. There were 10 different pictures spread around each table. Each one carried a message from the Neerlandia Committee on the back as well as a number. This number



was the Lucky Number to be drawn for the raffle later that day. This was the second surprise as there were 30 items to be given away. More about the numbers a bit later.



The M.C. Jan Zwartkruis welcomed everyone and introduced the Honorary Consul from The Netherlands, Anthony Willinge and his Family, the 4 Past Presidents that were present that day, the 11 Life Members as well as 22 of the 50 new Neerlandia Members, who were present for their first Christmas Lunch. This was to give proper recognition to Members, who have served Neerlandia so well over prior years. The Dutch Singers then performed for about 15 minutes, singing some well known

and a couple of little heard Christmas Carols. This set the scene for the day and put everyone into that Christmas spirit.

After the choir had finished singing, John Ottes presented a personal memento to a long serving Neerlandia Member as well as a Life Member, Thea De Koning. Everyone, who knew Thea's work in her younger years, appreciated this small gesture as a fitting recognition for work well done.

Then, the 3rd surprise was introduced. A performance by Andre Rieu via Video of a Christmas Concert from his home in Maastricht was played for all to enjoy during the Lunch Service. The kitchen staff, the serving staff and bar staff all were silent partners in this event but were an integral part to the overall success of the day. A very BIG THANK YOU to all staff involved.

After the Main course, the lottery was held. Prior to this time, questions had already been posed about people having the same numbers. It was explained that our printers had made an error in not printing successive numbers from 1 to 200 but put 1 to 20 on each picture. This only meant that we now needed not only the right number but also the right picture in order to win a prize. This was the 4th (unintended) surprize. You couldn't have scripted the fun this lottery provided as every time either the name of a picture or a number was called out, about 17 to 20 hands would go up in the air, only to hear the disappointed sighs when either the number or name of the picture did not match, except of course for the winner. The next surprise was that Members could take home their placemats. Surprise number 5.

Then, whilst the main course dishes were being collected and desert was being served, the Choir performed another set of songs. But the surprise moment was when the Three Kings (the 3 wise men from the East) came in all dressed up to make a grand entrance and entertained the crowd. This was surprise number 6. Then, once the Choir had finished singing, we had a visit from Sinterklaas, who addressed all and wished

everyone a great time. The Sint did have a few wardrobe mishaps with his Mitre falling off and his glasses fogging



up and not sitting properly on his nose. But after receiving some assistance with these items, he was able to continue. He was farewelled with a spontaneous singing of "Dag Sinterklaasje, daag, daag...." This was surprise number 7.

The Edelweiss Hall had been decorated so very nicely by volunteers of the Rhein Donau Club,



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who had started this only the previous Thursday, the 25th of November. Thank You RDC volunteers. Our Neerlandia Committee volunteers added extra Christmas trees as well as table and wall decorations to give it that special Dutch atmosphere.

All in all, it was an exhausting day for our volunteers, but all their efforts were totally worth it. It had been another huge success and our Members felt entertained, had lots of laughs, enjoyed a great meal in good company of family and friends. Over and above all this, 1 in 5.67 came home with a prize.

Jan Zwartkruis.



Our Placemats were so popular that we have resolved to reprint more if we have sufficient requests. You must order the whole set of 10 for a mere \$10.00. If you would like to order your set of 10 placemats, please contact either:

Henry Koldenhoven on henri.k@bigpond.com or phone 9459 4180 OR

John Zwartkruis on terjohnz@gmail.com or 0434 920 252

## Wooden Boat Building—WA Ship Wreck Museum



To build a ship, the Duyfken Replica Photo: Robert Garvey

## Wooden Boat Building in WA

Saturday 4 December 2021 – Sunday 1 May 2022

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## Quiz Night in February & CURA needs Volunteers



Quiz Night at Maas & Waal Borrel – Friday 25 February 2022.

Come and test your General Knowledge Skills.

Form your table of 6 and come and have some fun whilst enjoying a cold beverage together with traditional Dutch Food.

Date: Friday 25 February 2022 at Morley Windmills. Arriving from 6:00 PM.

Quiz will start 07:00PM. Tickets \$10.00 per head.

Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis, Events Coordinator on 0434 920 252 or send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

OR Contact your Neerlandia Committee representative or Club Co-Ordinator.



#### ONE OF CURA'S CLIENTS NEEDS YOU!!



Currently, CURA is looking for a volunteer in the Midland area. Do you have an hour to spare per fortnight? Wouldyou like to share that hour with one of our elderly Dutch speaking clients by having a chat over a cuppa about old times, or read a book or take them for a walk and sit and observe nature?



You will be amazed about how satisfied you will feel having improved the life of someone else, just by being there and sharing that hour. You may even have somelaughs as you recount funny events in one another's lives.

If you live close to Midland and have that hour to spare, we would love to hear from you. If you live further away but would still like to help out, we would also like to hear from you as we may currently have or will get future clients closer to your home location.

Please call our Community Visitors Scheme Coordinator Nicole, on (08) 9382 1983 or email to:

cvs@cura-inhomecare.org.au

We look forward to receiving contact from you and thank you in advance for being so considerate of the needs of others.

## The Seniors' Club

## Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' page.

Henk Smit had his Birthday on the 18th of November and provided this delicious cake and of course we all sang for him on his special day. Looking back over the year, we only missed out on 2 Senior days, because of lockdowns. Not to bad considering what has happened around Australia. We are lucky to be living in West Australia. On the last day, on the 2nd December, we welcomed a new Member, Margaret Joyce, who recently became a Member of Neerlandia. In 2022, I will become just another Member of the Seniors and I hope to do so for many years and just enjoy your company. I would like to thank you for your friendship. Henk Oorschot, Life Member.

35 Members on Thursday 18th December. 43 Members on Thursday 2nd December.













## The Seniors' Club & Dutch Liquor



And what a monster lottery it was with everyone collecting at least 2 prizes.

Each Member as well received their Christmas parcel, which contained: A bottle of Zwarte Kip Advokaat; a bottle of wine; De Ruijter Hagelslag; salty liquorice; gemberkoek; a packet of speculaas; a tin containing speculaas; Marzipan Christmas Stolle; a jar of red cabbage and a large piece of Gouda cheese.

This was a great way to say to our Seniors: "Thank you for being part of our Seniors' Club and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year".

From your Seniors' Committee.

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19. A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded. The local strip club has gone tits up, Interflora is pruning its business and Dyno-rod has gone down the drain. The saddest one though is the ice cream van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.

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## The Neerlandia Card Club News

#### Thursday Night Card Club Results.

The third Competition for 2021 was concluded on the 2nd of December.

The week after, on the 9th of December we held our break-up night.

The evening started with friendly games. At 9.00pm, the tables were rearranged to have everyone sit together. Nibbles were supplied and a free drink was available from the bar.



The third competition of 2021 was a very close one, with the winners only decided on the very last playing night.

For many weeks Joke L. and Freda took turns holding1st and 2nd spot. With only three weeks to go Joke was well in front, but a disastrous score of 2990 saw her tumble down the ladder and Freda took over the lead.

With only 2 weeks to go Freda in turn was by-passed and Joke recovered to reclaim the 2nd place.

On the very last night, to make things more exiting, we decided that the three leading players would play together at the same table. They were Joke, Freda and Murray. Murray scored an impressive 5739 points to claim first place. Would Joke and Freda finish 2nd an 3rd? NO. Freda finished 2nd and Piet Segers, who scored 5118 points, laid claim to the 3rd spot.

Did Joke go home without any prize at all? **NO**, she managed to claim the Marsen Prize by default!



#### The Prize winners were:

Klaverjassen:

1st Murray Koedijk
2nd Freda Hovingh
3rd Piet Segers
66223 points
65479 points
64584 points

Marsen Prize: Murray Koedijk: 26 Marsen He was ineligible as he had won a Prize. Prize went to Joke Leeflang: 25 Marsen

The Average score was 62601 points **Prize winner: Margaret Bosland** 62663 points

#### The 2 Bolivia Prizes went to:

Tilly Stulcbauer and Hanny Kamps

By 10.30 it was almost time to go home, but not before everyone had collected their well-deserved Christmas Hamper. Then they wished each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year before going home.

Piet Leeflang & Jan Zwartkruis.



The Winners from l.t.r.: Joke, Marsen Prize; Pete, 3rd Prize; Freda, 2nd Prize; Marray Koedyk, 1st Prize; Margaret, Average Prize; the 2 Bolivia Prizes went to Hanny Kamps and Tilly Stulcbauer.

## The December Sunday Drive & Members Birthdays

#### The December Sunday Drive.

On Sunday the 5th of December, we held the last Sunday Drive for 2021. At 9.30am the first of our players arrived and were welcomed with a cup of coffee and a buttered slice of a deluxe Stolle, which was very tasty and much appreciated.

We thought we were in strife as we only had 15 people present, 1 player short for 4 tables.

But we solved this dilemma with 3 tables playing only 3 games in stead of the usual 4, and each table had an extra player, an "Invaller".

And at 10.30am the competition started in earnest, interrupted by lunch of course. Then the completed scoresheets started to come in, they were checked and the winners were announced. For only 15 players the scores were much higher than usual, as there were 4 players that scored more than 5000 points. Another interesting fact was that there was only a difference of 19 points between the 2nd and 3rd placegetters.

Congratulations to the three winners. 1st prize: Piet Segers 5331 points 2nd prize: Tiny Swart 5231 points 3rd prize: Keith Vermeulen 5212 points

Our next Sunday Drive will be on Sunday the 6th of February 2022. We hope to see you all there.

Pieter Leeflang. (Life Member)



The winners l.t.r.: Pete Segers 1st; Tiny Swart 2nd; Keith Vermeulen was 3rd.

Name of the state celebrate their Birthday during the month of February
2022

🥄 We wish them all a very Nappy Birthday!

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Bull Marina

Jody Haze

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Zwartkruis John

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Elly Schenkelaars

Heidy Tiebosch

Alida Reitzenstein

Sandra De Lange

Renk-Kotzee Annegret

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> Verheggen Melanie

**Kievit** Jenny

John Ottes

Thijs Gorter

Joke Lovery

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If your birthday is not 🐧 mentioned or you would like to change the details, that can be 🥄 arranged.

To make changes to the above you need to send an E-mail to the following:

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## May a bit of Humour light up your Day

#### A bad chemical Fire.

One dark night outside a small Town, a small fire started inside the local chemical plant. Before long, it exploded into a raging fire and an alarm went out to the fire departments for miles around.

After fighting the fire for over an hour, the plant president approached the fire chief and said: "All our secret formulas are in a safe in the middle of plant. They must be saved! I will give \$50,000 to the brigade that brings them out safely!"

As soon as the chief heard this, he ordered the firemen to strengthen their attack on the blaze. After two more hours of attacking the fire, the plant president increased his offer to \$100,000 to the brigade that could bring out the secret formulas.



From the distance, a long siren was heard and another fire truck came into sight. It was a local volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over-65. To everyone's amazement, the fire truck raced through the chemical plant gates and drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

The other firemen watched as the old timers hopped off their truck and began to fight the fire with an effort they had never seen before. After an hour of intense fighting, the volunteers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas.

Overjoyed, the plant president announced that he would double the reward to \$200,000. He walked over to personally thank each of the elderly volunteers. After thanking them, the president asked the

volunteers what they planned on doing with the reward money,

The driver of the fire truck looked the president right in the eye and said: "The first thing we're going to do is fix the brakes on this damn truck!"



#### Severe Snowstorm.

A couple was watching the news and the weather report said there was going to be a snowstorm. "If everyone can park their cars on the left side of road," the reporter said, "the snowplow can come through tomorrow."

So the husband made sure the car was parked on the left side of the road.

Then the next week the couple was watching the news again during breakfast and the weatherman said: "There is going to be a snowstorm so please par- ..." and then the power goes out.

"Oh no! What are we going to do, where are we going to park our cars, what street," said the husband.

"It's okay, Dear," said the wife. "I think we should just leave it where it is, in the garage."

## Conversations on a plane.

I was travelling on a long flight and thought the time would pass faster if I had a chat to the person sitting next to

However, the person sitting next to me was a young girl, about four or five years

"Hello there," I said. "I wondered if

## May a bit of Humour light up your Day



you'd be interested in chatting to make this flight go faster."

"Sure thing," said the little girl. "What do you want to talk about?"

"Well, why don't we talk about the state of the Australian economy?" I said, feeling a bit smart.

She looks at me out of the corner of her eye, puts down her crayon and says: "All right. Before we begin, can I ask you a question?"

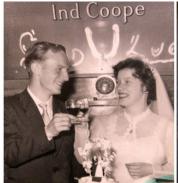
I told her to go right ahead.

She said: "I live on a farm and I know a lot about animals, but not everything. So when a horsey does a poop it comes out in solid round balls, yet a sheep produces tiny little pellets and yet when a cow does a poop it comes out sloppy and forms round plaques. Why is that?"

I look at her, then said: "That's actually a very good question. I have no idea." She then said: "Well, how do you expect me to talk about Australia's economy, when you don't know one bit of shit from another?"

## 65 years of marriage.

After 65 years of marriage, my grandpa still





calls grandma 'honey', 'sweetie', 'baby' and 'sugar'.

I asked him for the secret to keep love alive for so long and had the sweet language he used got something to do with it? He said: "Not really. I forgot her name 10 years ago and I'm afraid to ask."

#### The Golden Saloon.

A guy comes home completely drunk one night. He lurches through the door and is met by his scowling wife, who is most definitely not happy.

"Where the hell have you been all night," she demands.



"At this new bar," he says. "The Golden Saloon. Everything there is golden. It's got huge golden doors, golden walls and even the urinal is gold!"

The wife still doesn't believe his story, and the next day checks the phone book, finding a place across Town called the Golden Saloon. She calls up the place to check her husband's story.

"Is this the Golden Saloon," she asks, when the bartender answers the phone.

"Yes it is," the bartender answers.
"Do you have huge golden doors?"

"Sure do." "Do you have golden walls?"

"Most certainly do."

"What about golden urinals?"

There's a long pause, then the woman hears the bartender yelling: "Hey, Duke, I think I got a lead on the guy that peed in your saxophone last night!"

## Bronckhorst, the most beautiful Village and smallest City in Gelderland





**Bronckhorst** is located at the edge of the River IJssel in Gelderland. The current population of the Town of Bronkhorst is only around 100 people.

It is one of the oldest Cities in the Province of Gelderland. And, although it is small, it is officially a recognized City, as it was granted City rights in 1482. The Municipality of Bronckhorst, however, has a

population of 36,212. This Municipality is the result of a merger of the former Municipalities of Hengelo, Hummelo Keppel, Steenderen, Vorden and Zelhem in January 2005. The new Municipality was named Brockhorst, after the medieval Castle of the Bronckhorst family, who once ruled this area.

#### **History:**

Bronkhorst started out as farmers settlements near a Castle around the year 1,300. At that time the Castle was made from wood only and belonged to the Heren van Bronckhorst (the Lords of Bronckhorst), who were prominent noblemen in the Middle Ages. The Castle was burnt or destroyed and rebuilt several times but around 1830 a Mansion was built on the Castle's foundations.

These days, the only thing that remains of the Castle and

Mansion, is a man-made hill, a few ruins and a



Lord Brockhorst's Castle was demolished in 1828 and replaced with a Mansion. And the ruins of that were demolished in 1904.



Serene, colourful atmosphere.

In 1633, a big City fire destroyed almost the entire Town. A lot of City farmhouses, plus the Church, were restored or rebuilt.

#### **Tourist attractions:**

The Town of Bronkhorst is very artistic, so if you're interested in seeing art, crafts and other cool creative things, then you will love Bronkhorst. But besides that, if

you're looking to visit one of the most beautiful Villages in The Netherlands and if you're not into art, then you must still visit Bronkhorst.

It's not only lovely, but the surrounding forests, the stately old farmhouses and their gardens are fabulous and the atmosphere is welcoming. I notice that it's mainly visited by people who are 50 + and most are visiting Bronkhorst by bike.

## The Keppel Castle:

A forerunner of the current Keppel Castle was most likely built in the early fourteenth century, shortly after the Keppel hereditary daughter married



**Rustic Main Street.** 



17th Century Farmhouse in the Village.



The rebuilt Chapel.

## Bronckhorst, the most beautiful Village and smallest City in Gelderland



National Park: "De Hoge Veluwe" is nearby and in spring it is a sea of flowers.



Most of the houses in Bronckhorst were built in the 17th or 18th Century.

Roderick van Voorst, as a result of which all Keppel goods came into the family of Voorst. A son of this couple, Sweder van Voorst, came into a serious conflict with the bishop of Utrecht. After a siege in 1362 of several months, the Bishop's troops succeeded in destroying the Keppel Castle.

It was rebuilt, but in 1510 it was burned to ashes during the umpteenth siege. Over the centuries it was rebuilt several times and finally renovated and extended into the Castle,

that is pictured on the front page.



Shopping in
Bronckhorst is different
to most Villages or
Cities.

No big department stores, but unique little shops full of treasures

Antiques sold in an antique building.

and artwork. Even the restaurants have a different feel, with extremely friendly service and excellent food. The

beer is not bad either!



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Beautifully furnished rooms inside the Keppel Castle.

De Oude Schure (the old Shed)

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## **CODE WORD PUZZLE**

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number. For these puzzles, two or three letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's **Bonus TOP CODEWORD.**

This puzzle was not a pushover. But once the words: Waterproof, Rope and Improper were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows: A=23; B=5; C=25; D=15; E=20; F=24; G=26; H=19; I=6; J=16; K=8, L=12; M=1; N=17; O=14; P=22;Q=3; R=13; S=9; T=11; U=21; V=7; W=18; X=2; Y=10; Z=4.

### Results of last month's Bonus **BOTTOM CODEWORD.**

This puzzle was another challenging

Once the words: Axolotl, Approve and Knave were found, you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows: A=6; B=26; C=25; D=10; E=24; F=21; G=18; H=9; I=12; J=16; K=8; L=17; M=23; N=15; O=19; P=14; *Q*=13; *R*=4; *S*=20; *T*=7; *U*=11; *V*=3; W=1: X=5: Y=2: Z=22.

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## Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.79

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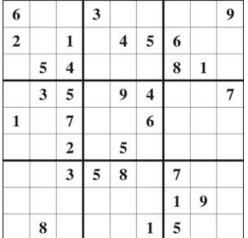
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#### CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often then others e.g. the letter X or Z. To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward. The first 3 words I found were Ninth, Winch and Uniform and once those 3 words were found, it was easy to complete. The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows: A=26; B=15; C=23; D=24;E=1; F=7; G=13; H=3; I=18;J=16; K=20; L=25; M=5;*N*=14; *O*=4; *P*=17; *Q*=19;  $R=21; S=11; T=6; \bar{U}=22; V=10;$ 

#### Last month's Sudoku Easy 68 solution

W=8; X=12; Y=9; Z=2.

5	6	3	9	8	1	7	4	2
7	8	4	2	5	3	9	6	1
9	1	2	4	6	7	3	5	8
8	9	5	1	3	4	2	7	6
1	3	6	8	7	2	4	9	5
4	2	7	5	9	6	8	1	3
6	4	9	3	2	5	1	8	7
2	7	1	6	4	8	5	3	9
3	5	8	7	1	9	6	2	4

## Last month's Sudoku Moderate 68 solution.

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	5	9	1	7	8	2	6	4	3
	7	6	3	9	1	4	5	8	2
	2	4	8	3	5	6	7	9	1
	6	1	2	8	4	3	9	7	5
1	3	5	7	1	6	9	8	2	4
	9	8	4	2	7	5	1	3	6
	8	3	6	4	9	1	2	5	7
	1	2	9	5	3	7	4	6	8
	4	7	5	6	2	8	3	1	9

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